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THANK YOU . . .

These words hardly seem sufficient to express
to the military, community officials, and individual volunteers
involved in the rescue, aid, comfort, housing, etc.
of the thousands of people in need
after this devastating natural disaster.

Louisiana *will* rise up and stand tall again.
And again it will be with the help of every citizen in our great State.

Please continue to keep the victims
of the Hurricane Katrina Disaster
in your thoughts and prayers.

If our office can provide any assistance
Please do not hesitate to call, 225/274-4354.

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HURRICANE KATRINA

CONTACT INFORMATION

FEMA HOTLINE

1-800-621-3362

www.fema.gov

STATE OEP

(Office of Homeland Security-Emergency Preparedness)

225-925-7345

www.lope.state.la.us

FEMA FRAUD HOTLINE

1-800-323-8603

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

1-800-899-0089

RED CROSS

1-800-435-7669

CONTRACTORS

wanting to get on a List of Contractors should call:

1-225-925-7500

OBTAIN NEW I.D.

1-877-368-5463

UNEMPLOYMENT – FOOD STAMPS

1-888-524-3578

THERE ARE NUMEROUS “FREE” FEMA PUBLICATIONS THAT CAN AID
IN THE MITIGATION STAGE OF THIS DISASTER INCLUDING:

Residential Substantial Damage Estimator, Coastal Construction Manual, etc.

TO OBTAIN THESE PUBLICATIONS CALL:

1-800-480-2520



GREG W. SOLOVEY

[FEMA REGION VI]

is retiring !

He is. . .

intelligent, supportive, informative,

& a true gentleman.

He has been a wonderful mentor for the

State of Louisiana

and will be greatly missed!

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Cindy, Sandra, Pam

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION [PDM] GRANTS

Availability of PDM funds is dependent upon Congressional appropriation, expected by October 1, 2005, and reauthorization of the program, expected by December 31, 2005.

The deadline for FY 2006 PDM grant applications to be submitted to FEMA is midnight (EST) on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

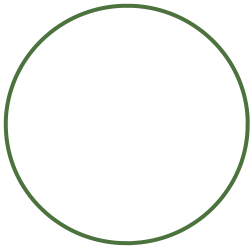
Applicants **MUST** use the electronic grants (eGrants) management system:

<https://portal.fema.gov>

to submit a PDM grant application to include planning, project, and management cost sub-applications. Only PDM-C grant applications submitted through the eGrants system will be accepted.

Up to \$150 million may be available for competitive grants, technical assistance, and program support for the FY 2006 PDM program. The Fiscal Year 2006 PDM program guidance documents provide information and guidance on implementing the PDM program in Fiscal Year 2006, including program requirements, eligibility and grants management.

The guidance documents for the Fiscal Year 2006 PDM program may be downloaded @ the website:
www.fema.gov/fima/pdm.shtm#fy2006



[Letter of Map Amendment / Letter of Map Revision/Fill]

LOMA / LOMR-F TUTORIAL series was designed to walk you through the application and information gathering processes that you must follow to request single-lot LOMA's & LOMR-F's.

It also provides you with an online tool to complete sections of the MT-EZ form (used for single lot LOMA's) and MT-1 form (used for LOMR-F's). After filling in the required information you may print and mail to FEMA with attached supporting data, signature review and fees (only used for LOMR-F's) for processing. You may download copies of the MT-EZ and MT-1 forms, on FEMA's web page before accessing the tutorials.

To access Tutorial and Forms see FEMA web site: http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ot_lmreq.shtm

[Certain system requirements and specifications are needed to run the Tutorial Series.]



**the Louisiana Floodplain Management Association
[LFMA] has a new website !!!
www.lfma.org**

WHAT IS a SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA?

Land areas that are at high risk for flooding are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), or floodplains. These areas are indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

A home located within an SFHA has a 26 percent chance of suffering flood damage during the term of a 30-year mortgage.

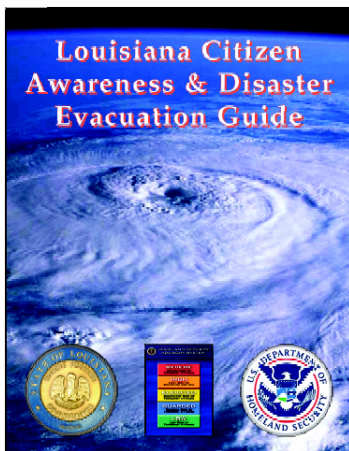
CONGRATULATIONS Tom Rodrigue, C.F.M.



Larry Larson, Executive Director, ASFPM – Tom Rodrigue, CRS Coordinator, Jefferson Parish - Chad Berginnis, Chair, ASFPM

Tom Rodrigue, CFM
is the 2005 recipient of the *National* ASFPM
Larry R. Johnston Local Floodplain Manager Award

This award seeks to recognize outstanding individual efforts and contributions at the local level.

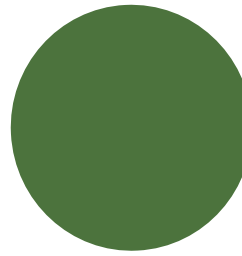


The LOUISIANA CITIZEN AWARENESS
& DISASTER EVACUATION GUIDE

is now available @

www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/

UNNUMBERED “A” ZONES



[*Definition:* Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) where no base flood elevation (BFE) is determined.]

Section 60.3(b)(4) of the Code of Federal Regulations states:

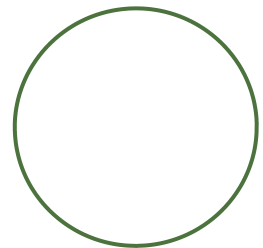
Obtain, review & reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source, including data developed pursuant to your community’s flood mapping, as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in “zone A” meets minimum standards of structure elevation to or above the base flood elevation.

...it is the responsibility of the community to obtain, review and utilize the *best available data*, from a reliable source to determine the bfe.

The base flood elevation must be determined prior to the initial FEMA Elevation Certificate being completed.

The Community may:

- Contact the Corps of Engineers designated for their area
- Use historical data
- Use USGS data (www.usgs.gov)



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RECERTIFICATION TIME IS HERE !!

Deadline is October 1st

Recertifications are to be mailed to:

RODNEY W. SMITH, CFM

ISO / CRS Specialist

301 Holland Dr.

Monroe, LA 71203-1059

18 CRS communities will be receiving a reverification visit during fiscal year (FY) 2006. The purpose of this visit is to determine if the community has been accomplishing the requirements of the activities for which they applied.

If you are due a visit, you should review your application and the CRS manual to determine what paperwork will be needed for the reverification. Certain activities require information for the previous five years (ex: Activities 310, 320, 330, 360, 540)

The following CRS communities are due for a reverification visit during our next fiscal year (FY 2006):

Ascension Parish	Mandeville
Bossier City	Ouachita Parish
French Settlement	Ruston
Gonzales	St. Tammany Parish
Houma	Slidell
Jefferson Parish	Sorrento
Kenner	Terrebonne Parish
Livingston Parish	Walker
Lutcher	Zachary

If you need any assistance please call our office: (225) 274-4354

The Louisiana Floodplain Management Association

and the City of Kenner's Workshop

that was scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2005

has been **CANCELLED** to be rescheduled at a later date.





Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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